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[REDACTED] in September, 1941 EDWARD C. CARTER, National Chairman of the Russian War Relief Group in New York had visited Los Angeles for the purpose of instigating a Russian War Relief Association in this area. On or about September 23, 1941 a reception and meeting was held at the home of LEWIS MILESTONE, prominent motion picture director, 1103 San Ysidro Drive, Beverly Hills, honoring EDWARD C. CARTER. At the time a program was outlined for the raising of \$1,000,000 to supply war relief to Russia. There were a number of prominent motion picture personalities who sponsored this meeting including DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR.

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Russian War Relief, Inc., sponsored a concert at the Shrine Auditorium on December 13, 1941, which was widely publicized in Los Angeles newspapers. A program issued at the concert listed as sponsors, among others, Mr. and Mrs. DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR.

The 1948 report of the California Un-American Activities Committee described the Russian War Relief, Inc. as a "satellite front of the Communist Party and that it is not an organization similar to the American Red Cross." Furthermore, "while it is undoubtedly true that many well-intended loyal Americans were tricked into believing that the Russian War Relief was a bonafide American agency, the hard core of Communist influence and direction is evident".

ALLEGATION ATTRIBUTED TO  
"THE LEADER", CALIF. PUBLICATION  
CITING COMMUNIST CONNECTION OF  
PARTY AND APPLICANT

[REDACTED] furnished a letter to the Los Angeles FBI Office on September 8, 1947 which directed the attention of the FBI to the December, 1946 issue of "The Leader", further described by [REDACTED] as a Catholic publication. This issue, according to [REDACTED] described DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR. as one of the "angels to the Communist order in Hollywood".

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It was determined through the Chappel Book Store, which handles official Catholic publications, 805 South Flower Street, Los Angeles, that "The Leader" magazine was the title of a Catholic Girl Scout publication, which was printed in New York City.

ANTI-COMMUNIST GROUP  
IN HOLLYWOOD

The Daily Variety, motion picture and entertainment field trade publication issued in Hollywood on December 29, 1947 identified DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR. as a member of the "Anti-Communist group of motion picture people who were members of both of the major political parties in the United States, who had felt there was a great danger of confusion over the difference between Liberalism and Communism." This group believed that the "freedom of the screen is as important as freedom of the press". The article further revealed that the Anti-Communist group, which was not titled, would not have as a member any person who had appeared as a witness before the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings and they desired to utilize every effort to prevent Congress from telling the motion picture industry what they can and cannot do. The group, according to the press release, intended to approach HAROLD E. STASSEN, prominent national political figure and seek his aid in the promotion of their program.

COMMITTEE FOR FIRST  
AMENDMENT

The Daily People's World issue of November 1, 1947 publicized a one half hour radio broadcast scheduled for the following Sunday on radio station ABC in Hollywood on the behalf of the Committee for the First Amendment, an organization of Hollywood motion picture personalities which had been organized to combat the activities of the HCUA. DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR., according to the article, had been scheduled, with others, to appear on the radio program.

The Daily People's World of January 28, 1948 revealed that the Committee for the First Amendment had voted to affiliate with the Committee of One Thousand, which had been designed to fight the abolitions of the HCUA. The article mentioned DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR. as among the sponsors of the Committee of the First Amendment.

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THE BOOK "GIVE ME LIBERTY"  
BY GORDON KAHN

The Daily People's World issue of February 2, 1948 publicized a book entitled "Give Me Liberty", edited and compiled by GORDON KAHN, screen writer, which was scheduled to be published about February, 1948 by the Pegasus Books, Inc., Chicago, Illinois. The book reportedly tells the story of the motion picture industry purge of "blacklisted" artists who had been accused by the HCUA. The book was reported to contain articles and statements by leading artists in the motion picture industry, among whom was DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR., according to Daily Peoples World.

It is noted, however, that this book was apparently never published under the name of "Give Me Liberty". However, there was a book published by Boni and Gear, New York City in 1948 titled, "Hollywood on Trial" written by GORDON KAHN. The Publisher advised that this name was used rather than "Give Me Liberty."

This book was reviewed and no article or statement was located under the name DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS.

"RED STARS IN HOLLYWOOD"  
(PAMPHLET)

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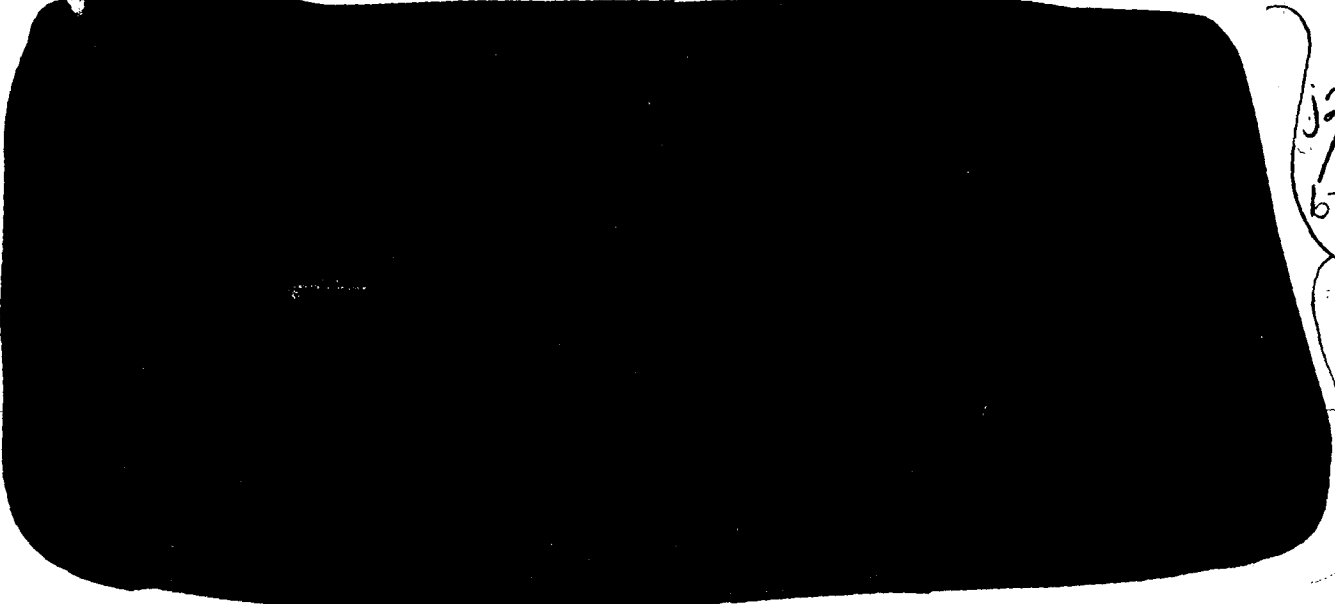
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This data appearing in the pamphlet was attributed to the text of a speech made by MR. MYRON C. FAGAN of the Cinema Educational Guild at an "opening night performance" of a play "Thieves Paradise" at the El Patio Theater in Hollywood on April 12, 1948. The pamphlet had been printed and circulated by the Patriotic Tract Society, Post Office Box 1031, St. Louis, Missouri.

3 The Daily People's World on December 27, 1948, page 3 under a column headed "Political Arena", the booklet "Red Stars in Hollywood" attributed to MYRON C. FAGAN, was attacked as to veracity. The article mentioned that DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR. had been among those listed as being the "Red Stars in Hollywood".

MODERN FORUM

An organization describing itself as the Modern Forum issued advertising circulars in the Los Angeles area in 1933 announcing sponsorship of public appearances of outstanding personalities, artists, lecturers, and etc., who would appear in the Los Angeles area. A preliminary announcement announcing the 1933-1934 series identified HERMAN LISSAUER, 1680 North Vine Street, Hollywood, as Director of the Modern Forum and identified DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR., among other prominent individuals in Los Angeles as a sponsor.



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The New York Journal American of December 20, 1950 revealed that Senator McCARRAN of Nevada had asked the National Broadcasting Company in New York for sufficient radio time for the Theater for Freedom to reply to an attack on the "Communist Control Act", which had been broadcast over NBC on December 13, 1950 by the Civil Liberties Union. DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR. was identified among others who had sponsored the Theater for Freedom group.

The 1949 report of the California Un-American Activities Committee characterized the American Civil Liberties Union as heavily infiltrated with Communists and Fellow Travelers and frequently following the Communist line.

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This letter identified DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR. among others, as being a member of the Advisory Board of this organization. Literature circulated by this organization reflects that the United World Federalists, Inc. national office is located at 7 East 12th Street, New York City, New York as of 1950. The literature describes the purpose of this organization in substance, "that world peace can be created and maintained only under world federal government, universal and strong enough to prevent armed conflicts between nations and having direct jurisdiction over the individual matters under its authority." The organization approves the efforts of the United Nations and recommends the pursuit of any other reasonable and lawful means of achieving world federalization. Numerous prominent individuals in various phases of professional endeavor throughout the United States appeared as members of the National Advisory Board and as Officers of this organization.

KNOWLEDGE OF COMMUNIST AFFILIATION  
ON PART OF KNOWN CP MEMBERS AND THOSE  
GENERALLY FAMILIAR WITH COMMUNIST  
ACTIVITIES IN LOS ANGELES AREA

[REDACTED] generally familiar with Communist activities in Hollywood during 1943, 1944, and 1945; [REDACTED] generally familiar with Communist activities in Los Angeles during 1946, and 1947; [REDACTED] generally familiar with Communist activities in Los Angeles from 1942 to 1950, all of whom do not desire to furnish a signed statement or appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board, advised that they were not acquainted with DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR. and had no knowledge of any Communist affiliations on his part. J2  
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[REDACTED] advised that he had been a member of the Communist Party in Hollywood [REDACTED] and was personally acquainted with the applicant. He further stated that as far as he knew the applicant was never a member of the Communist Party and, in his opinion, the applicant had been consistently anti-Communist. J2  
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[REDACTED] stated that applicant had always displayed an interest in aid to refugee children relief matters, particularly pertaining to European war theaters and in England. [REDACTED] claimed that he believed that he would have heard through Communist channels if applicant had ever had any connection with the Communist Party. [REDACTED] said that he had no knowledge of the applicant having been affiliated with any organizations which may have been declared subversive or Communist front organizations.

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[REDACTED] advised that he had been a member of the Communist Party [REDACTED] in New York and Hollywood and had met applicant while the latter was doing some work at Universal Studios several years ago. He stated that his association with the applicant had been limited and he had never discussed political matters with him and had no information which would connect the applicant with the Communist Party or Communist front organizations. [REDACTED] stated that he had always considered the applicant to be a very conservative individual in all respects.

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[REDACTED] advised that he had been a member of the Communist Party in Hollywood [REDACTED]. He further stated that he was sure that the applicant had never been in the Communist Party during [REDACTED] period of association with the party and that he had never heard of the applicant being connected with the party, either directly or indirectly. He stated the applicant appeared to be very conservative and was extremely pro-British.

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[REDACTED] and who is generally familiar with Communist activity in Los Angeles during the past five years, advised that he was not acquainted with DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR. and had no knowledge of any Communist affiliations either directly or indirectly on his part.

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An interview with [REDACTED] was conducted by [REDACTED] in September, 1943.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: June 22, 1951

SUBJECT: DOUGLAS ELTON FAIRBANKS, Aka.  
Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT  
Public Law 402, 80th Congress  
(VOICE OF AMERICA)  
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Further reference Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated June 11, 1951, wherein reference is made on page 2 to Los Angeles File 62-2357 in the report of SA [REDACTED] dated March 5, 1943, entitled [REDACTED] and the fact that DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR. was mentioned on page c of this report.

This made reference to applicant's sponsorship of an organization known as "MODERN FORUM" mentioned in the details of the report of SA [REDACTED] dated June 22, 1951, at Los Angeles, California.

A search of the Los Angeles indices failed to disclose the original source of the circulars pertaining to the Modern Forum, and this office was unable to document the information appearing in SA [REDACTED] report.

A stop has been placed at the Pasadena Office of [REDACTED] will be interviewed [REDACTED]

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TITLE <b>DOUGLAS ELTON FAIRBANKS ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY- STATE DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC LAW 402, 80TH CONGRESS (VOICE OF AMERICA)</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>DATE 1/21/83 BY SP4 ELM/omh</b> <div style="background-color: black; width: 500px; height: 30px; margin: 5px 0;"></div> <b>RECOMMENDS FAIRBANKS as individual of "superb" character and reputation and a patriotic American citizen.</b>			
AGENCY: <i>1 phc - Army</i> <i>11-20-56</i> <i>12-3-56</i> <i>John C. C.</i> REFERENCE: <b>Detroit teletype to San Diego dated June 16 and June 21, 1951.</b>			
DETAILS: <div style="background-color: black; width: 600px; height: 40px; margin: 5px 0;"></div> <div style="background-color: black; width: 800px; height: 40px; margin: 5px 0;"></div> <b>most of this time FAIRBANKS had resided in the United States</b> <div style="background-color: black; width: 800px; height: 40px; margin: 5px 0;"></div> <b>stated that he has not had any personal con- tact with FAIRBANKS for</b> <div style="background-color: black; width: 150px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> <b>years</b> <div style="background-color: black; width: 700px; height: 40px; margin: 5px 0;"></div> <b>Based on his past associations with FAIRBANKS,</b> <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div>			
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TITLE <b>DOUGLAS ELTON FAIRBANKS aka Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT, Public Law 402, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)</b>

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent LESLIE F. WARREN dated 6/22/51 at Los Angeles.

DETAILS:

Investigation at Pasadena, California, was conducted by Special Agent JAMES MC CAULEY.

[REDACTED] advised the following:

[REDACTED] acquainted with [REDACTED] applicant who had been a representative of CARE, and doing administrative relief work in Europe. He further stated that he has known the applicant [REDACTED] and that the latter is a "good will ambassador for the United States in various foreign countries." He said that applicant had connections as a result of his activity with CARE

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stated that he considered FAIRBANKS to have a "superb" character and reputation. He advised that FAIRBANKS was intelligent, considerate, of good moral habits, and a person of remarkable versatility.

K5 { [redacted] informed that because he had had no recent contact with FAIRBANKS, he could make no definite statement regarding FAIRBANKS present sympathies, but advised both FAIRBANKS and his father had always exhibited a very patriotic attitude toward the United States although both were very "Pro-British" in their sympathies during the period of time [redacted] was associated with the FAIRBANKS family. [redacted] stated that FAIRBANKS had never said or done anything to indicate disloyalty to the United States and had never, to the knowledge of [redacted] associated with any disloyal individuals or organizations. [redacted] advised that he did not believe FAIRBANKS to be the type of individual who would be disloyal to the United States or who could in any way be sympathetic to Communism in any form.

[redacted] expressed the opinion that FAIRBANKS is a loyal American citizen, and he advised that he would recommend FAIRBANKS for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 6/29/51

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: DOUGLAS ELTON FAIRBANKS, aka  
VOA  
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Rerep SA WILLIAM M. HALLERON, 6/18/51, NYC.

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as well as his motion picture operations in Great Britain which has enabled him to develop extensive foreign connections, and none of which in the opinion of [REDACTED] would be detrimental to the United States. [REDACTED] stated applicant enjoys a most favorable reputation, is considered to be of excellent character and associates, and unquestionably loyal and patriotic to the United States. [REDACTED] said he would recommend the applicant without qualification. } K5

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FILE NO. 123-1915

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/9/51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/26, 27, 28/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JAMES K. BUCKNER JKB/jep</b>
TITLE <b>DOUGLAS ELTON FAIRBANKS aka. Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY, STATE DE- PARTMENT, PUBLIC LAW 402, 80th CONGRESS (VOICE OF AMERICA)</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [REDACTED] unable to furnish source of information alleging that DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR. was a "Mooney sympathizer and a half baked kid posing as a Pink". J2/62

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REFERENCE: Bufile 123-10655  
Los Angeles teletype dated June 22, 1951

DETAILS:

[REDACTED] a representative of another government agency which conducts intelligence and personnel investigations, advised that their files reflect information received indicating that in 1941 DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR. was a "Mooney sympathizer and a half baked kid posing as a Pink". [REDACTED] further advised that they were unable to identify the source of the above information, and could furnish no additional information. J2/62

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FILED *11-20-51*  
BY *12-3-51*  
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APPROVED & BY <i>[Signature]</i>

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IDENTITY OF INFORMANT

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], G-2 Section, 5th Army Headquarters,  
1660 East Hyde Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, who advised  
SA [REDACTED]



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NY FILE NO. 123-7136 GEM

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/12/51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/28,29;7/2,6,11/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>DEAN E. KEIL</b>
TITLE <b>DOUGLAS ELTON FAIRBANKS, aka., Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

FAIRBANKS attended Collegiate School, NYC from October 1918 to 1927. Member of Board of Directors, Pathe Industries, 6/10/47 to 6/20/49.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau file 123-10655  
Los Angeles teletype to New York, 6/22/51

**DETAILS:**

At New York, New York

Collegiate School  
241 West 77th Street

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SEARCHED TO: 2210  
REQ. REC'D 6-7-62  
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ANS. BY: EdC

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES P. MC DONNELL:

*12-19-51  
J. P. Mc Donnell*  
[REDACTED] advised that DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, Jr., entered the third grade of primary school in October of 1918. He attended continuously until 1927. The records failed to indicate whether or not he graduated at this time. [REDACTED] pointed out that she was not with this school during that period and was unable to suggest any one who might have known

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

JULY 12, 1951

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Transmit the following message to:

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DOUGLAS ELTON FAIRBANKS, VOA. RE LA TEL TO CG AND NY JUNE  
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the applicant at this time.

Pathe Industries  
105 East 106th Street

The following investigation was conducted by SA MORRIS  
E. ELLER:

[REDACTED] advised that the minutes of the Board of Directors disclosed that FAIRBANKS served as a member of the Board of Directors from June 10, 1947 to June 20, 1949 when he resigned because of other pressing business matters. K5.

[REDACTED] both advised that they would recommend FAIRBANKS very highly as to his character, his associates and his loyalty. Both individuals advised that they had never heard of anything unfavorable pertaining to FAIRBANKS.

In an effort to locate the article in the December 1946 issue of a Catholic publication called "The Leader" which purports to describe FAIRBANKS as one of the "Angels of a Communist Order", the following investigation was conducted.

[REDACTED] Girl Scout Headquarters 155 East 44th Street, made available to SA JOSEPH E. MAHONEY, the December 1946 issue of "The Leader" published by this organization. This issue failed to contain any article dealing with Communism.

[REDACTED] advised that he was not aware of any Catholic publication entitled "The Leader" which would contain an article of the type as set out above. He suggested that the only publication, as far as he knew, would be the American Press Publication entitled "The New Leader". K5.

[REDACTED] "The Tablet" a Catholic publication, 1 Hanson Place, Brooklyn, was unable to suggest any other Catholic

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publication entitled "The Leader" which might contain the type of article set out above.

A check of the December 1946 issue of "The New Leader" was made by SA ROY L. ARNOLD, Jr. This issue failed to contain any reference to FAIRBANKS.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO. 123-9782

REPORT MADE AT <b>WASHINGTON, D.C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/20/51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/18/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>THOMAS F. HOWARD TTH:ogw</b>
TITLE <b>DOUGLAS ELTON FAIRBANKS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402, 80th Congress VOICE OF AMERICA</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Applicant issued seven passports during the years 1931-48. Passport information set forth. Files reflect former marriage.

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DATE 1/21/83 BY SP-4 ELW/omh

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AGENCY 1 ppc - Army  
REQ. REC'D 11-20-56  
REP'T FOR 12-3-56  
BY John C. C.

REFERENCE: Bureau File 123-10655.

Bureau letters dated June 1 and June 11, 1951.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

AGENCY CHECKS

CC TO: <u>no</u>
REQ. REC'D <u>6-7-57</u>
<b>JUN 12 1957</b>
ANS. BY: <u>hdc</u>

The files of the Passport Division, Department of State, reflect that the applicant was born December 9, 1909, at New York, New York, and was issued Passport #357271 on April 4, 1931, for pleasure travel to England, France, Italy, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, and Monaco, for four months. The applicant's permanent address was listed as 426 N. Bristol Avenue, Brentwood Heights, Los Angeles; and his occupation was listed as actor. This passport included his wife, LUCILE LESUEUR FAIRBANKS, who was professionally known as JOAN CRAWFORD. It was further indicated that the applicant was married on June 3, 1929, to JOAN CRAWFORD, who was born on March 23, 1908, at San Antonio, Texas.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

AUG 25 1951  
Mr. James E. Hatcher  
Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

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DOUGLAS ELTON FAIRBANKS  
SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT  
Public Law 402, 80th Congress  
(VOICE OF AMERICA)

Transmitted herewith for consideration under Executive Order 9835 are copies of reports of investigation conducted by this Bureau in discharging its responsibilities under Public Law 402, 80th Congress. It will be noted that these reports in order to comply with the above Public Law necessarily contain information concerning character and reputation, a type of information not ordinarily included in reports of investigation conducted pursuant to Executive Order 9835. No additional investigation will be conducted under the Loyalty Program, unless specifically requested.

Report of Special Agent Leslie F. Warren dated June 22, 1951, at Los Angeles, California.

Report of Special Agent William M. Halloran dated June 18, 1951, at New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent James K. Buckner dated June 9, 1951, at Chicago, Illinois.

Report of Special Agent Leslie F. Warren dated June 28, 1951, at Los Angeles, California.

Report of Special Agent George R. Fletcher dated June 13, 1951, at Richmond, Virginia.

Report of Special Agent William E. Assmus (A) dated June 23, 1951, at San Diego, California.

Report of Special Agent James B. Grant dated June 14, 1951, at Albany, New York.

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Attorney General  
James A. McInerney  
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The applicant was issued Passport #15685 on May 10, 1933, for six months. No travel plans were indicated. This passport was renewed for two years on May 7, 1935, by the American Consul, London, England.

Applicant was issued Passport #3135 on February 3, 1937, by the Consul General at London, England, for travel to Europe and Mexico, no purpose given.

Applicant was issued Special Passport #10107 on April 16, 1941, for travel to Panama, Brazil, Trinidad, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, and Peru on a diplomatic mission for the State Department to return within two months. The files contained a letter from the State Department indicating that the applicant was being sent to Latin America at the request of the President.

Applicant was issued Special Passport #14706 on April 8, 1942, for travel to the British Isles and Canada for duty with the Navy Department. Applicant's occupation was listed as Naval Reserve Officer.

Applicant was issued Special Passport #29656 on May 31, 1943, at the request of the Navy Department for travel to Bermuda, British Isles, Ireland, Portugal, and the continent of Africa for duty with the Commander of Naval Forces in North African Waters. Applicant's permanent address was listed as Boxwood Farm, Hot Springs, Virginia. Applicant's passport was revalidated for travel on official business to Bermuda, Ireland, and the continent of Africa on February 12, 1944, to expire on August 12, 1944.

Applicant was issued Passport #244849 on July 22, 1948, for business purposes in the United Kingdom, France, Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland, and Italy. This passport was renewed on July 31, 1950, to expire July 2, 1952, by the American Vice-Consul at London, England. It was indicated that the applicant resided at Westridge, Pacific Palisades, California, and his occupation Motion Picture Producer. His parents were listed as: Father - DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, deceased, and Mother - Mrs. JACK WHITING. It was further indicated that the applicant was married on April 22, 1939, to MARY LEE EPLING, who was born on December 18, 1911, at Welch, West Virginia.

The above files contained no additional pertinent information.

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The files of the Passport Division of the Department of State were reviewed by Special Employee HILBERT ARPS.



*all*  
Date: **July 18, 1951**

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

To: Mr. Donald L. Nicholson  
Chief  
Division of Security  
Department of State  
515 Twenty-second Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: DOUGLAS ELTON FAIRBANKS  
SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT  
Public Law 402, 80th Congress  
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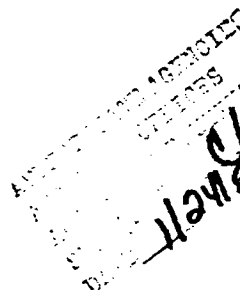
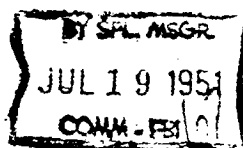
There are transmitted herewith <sup>ten</sup> reports covering the investigation conducted by this Bureau concerning the above-named person:

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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DATE: October 31, 1952

TO: Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

123-10655

FROM: Hiram Bingham  
Chairman, Loyalty Review Board  
U. S. Civil Service Commission

*[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Douglas Elton Fairbanks Dob 12/9/09

*State*

In accordance with your request, there is shown below the disposition made of the case of the captioned individual, who was investigated by your Bureau under the provisions of Executive Order 9835: This disposition refers to loyalty only and has no reference to actions on other questions of suitability or security which may enter into a case.

Employee or Appointee

- ☐ Eligible on loyalty  
☐ Ineligible and dismissed on loyalty  
☐ Resigned or otherwise separated from Federal service prior to decision on loyalty

Applicant:

- ☐ Eligible on loyalty  
☐ Ineligible and denied employment on loyalty  
☐ Withdrew from consideration prior to decision on loyalty

REMARKS:

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"Investigated under P. L. 402. No record of present employment."

*In RAB 135  
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[Signature]*

**Mr. James E. Hatcher**  
**Chief, Investigations Division**  
**U. S. Civil Service Commission**

Report of Special Agent Thomas F. Howard dated  
June 19, 1951, at Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent Thomas F. Howard dated  
June 20, 1951, at Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent Dean E. Keil dated  
July 12, 1951, at New York, New York.

Please advise this Bureau of the ultimate disposition  
which is made of this case.

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June 20, 1966

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 1/21/83 BY SP-4/ELW/CRH

Dear Mr. Watson:

○ Mrs. Mildred Stegall has requested a name check  
on Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.

In June and July, 1951, the FBI conducted an applicant-type investigation on Mr. Fairbanks which reflected that he was born on December 9, 1909, at New York, New York. This investigation also revealed that, during the 1940's, Mr. Fairbanks' name was associated with several organizations which have been cited as communist front groups. These groups included the American Committee to Save Refugees, cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities; as well as the Committee of One Thousand and the Committee for the First Amendment, both of which have been cited by the California Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities. Acquaintances and associates of Mr. Fairbanks, as well as other sources who were interviewed during this investigation, all described him as anticommunist and a loyal American citizen.

(123-10655)

Fairbanks' name was also mentioned in connection with the trial of Stephen Ward on morals charges in England during 1963. This case received world-wide publicity and was highlighted by the testimony of two admitted prostitutes, Christina Keeler and Marilyn Rice-Davies, who, according to press reports, named Mr. Fairbanks as among those whom the girls described as their "boy friends." According to a source, Mr. Fairbanks received

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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Our reports reflecting the results of this investigation are being made available to the White House.

ACTION:

There is attached for your approval a letter of transmittal to the White House.

MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

MR. A. H. BELMONT

WORCESTER ANGLO-AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP  
W. J. CROWE  
DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR.

November 10,  
1954

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On 11/9/54 Miss Madeline Fitzgerald of Mr. Hagerty's office, the White House, requested a name check concerning the captioned organization and individuals. She identified the Worcester Anglo-American Fellowship as an organization formed in 1942 for American servicemen overseas and pointed out that the annual dinner of this organization was to be held November 19, 1954, and was including Col. W. J. Crowe, U. S. Army, and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., as guest speakers.

Our files were reviewed and revealed no identifiable information concerning the Worcester Anglo-American Fellowship and Col. W. J. Crowe.

In June and July, 1951, the Bureau conducted an applicant-type investigation concerning Fairbanks in connection with his appointment as a consultant to the Voice of America Program. This investigation revealed that Fairbanks' name was associated with several Communist front groups during the 1940's including the Russian War Relief Committee for the First Amendment, Committee of One Thousand, and American Committee to Save Refugees. He was alleged to have been active with the Tom Mooney Defense Committee between 1932 and 1934. The "Daily Variety," motion picture trade publication, dated 12/29/47 identified Fairbanks as a member of the anti-Communist group of the motion picture people. Reliable informants of the Los Angeles area, acquaintances, and associates interviewed during this investigation described Fairbanks as anti-Communist and a loyal American citizen.

This investigation also revealed that during the early 1930's Fairbanks had some social contact with a girl by the name of Solveig Dietz. Based on this contact Dietz and her husband attempted to "shakedown" Fairbanks for a substantial sum of money, threatening to publicize alleged intimacies that Fairbanks had had with Mrs. Dietz. Fairbanks arranged for the District Attorney's Office in Los Angeles to cover the payoff, immediately after which Dietz was arrested. In an effort to avoid publicity no criminal charge was filed against Dietz, however, he later filed suit for false imprisonment against Fairbanks. Fairbanks then made a cash settlement with Dietz and his wife to avoid adverse publicity.

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June 9, 1967

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**DOUGLAS ELTON FAIRBANKS, JR.**  
Born: December 9, 1909  
New York, New York

SUMMARY

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Enclosed are 10 reports which set forth the results of an applicant-type investigation conducted by the FBI regarding Mr. Fairbanks in 1961.

For your additional information, our files show that Fairbanks' name was also mentioned in connection with the trial of Stephen Ward on morals charges in England during 1963. This case received world-wide publicity and was highlighted by the testimony of two admitted prostitutes, Christine Keeler and Marilyn Rice-Davies, who, according to press reports, named Mr. Fairbanks as among those whom the girls described as their "boy friends." According to a source, Mr. Fairbanks received osteopathic treatments from Mr. Ward and, through the latter, became acquainted with Christine Keeler and Marilyn Rice-Davies. Mr. Fairbanks denied that he had ever been associated with these girls.

(63-68218-233)

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

Upon removal of classified material enclosed, this memorandum becomes unclassified.

Enclosures (10)

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to D.J. Barron - Navy

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NOTE: Classified "confidential" inasmuch as one of enclosed reports so classified.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI, and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency. This reply is result of check of FBI investigative files. To check arrest records, request must be submitted to FBI Identification Division. Fingerprints are necessary for positive check.

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Honorable Marvin Watson

osteopathic treatments from Mr. Ward and, through the latter, became acquainted with Christine Keeler and Marilyn Rice-Davies. Mr. Fairbanks denied that he had ever been a customer of these girls. (65-68218-233) *as above*

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Sincerely yours,